GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:291
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2006
STUDY ON AVAILABILITY OF WATER
Budholiya Shri Rajnarayan

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has conducted any study assessment on the availability of water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF- UD- DIN SOZ)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.+291 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.8.2006 REGARDING STUDY ON AVAILABILITY OF WATER.

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir, a report entitled ` Reassessment of Water Resources Potential of India` has been prepared by Central Water Commission. As per the report, the average annual water availability in the country is estimated to be of the order of 1869 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM). The river basin wise annual water availability is given in the Annex.

(c) The assessment in respect of availability of water made has been reviewed by a Sub-Committee constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources in the year 2000 and the Sub-Committee has endorsed the earlier assessment made by Central Water Commission.